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SUBJECT: GOWON REPORTED IN IVORY COAST, GOING TO LONDON AUGUST 12

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1. USAID CONTRACT EMPLOYEE RETURNING LOME TODAY (AUGUST 10) FROM ABIDJAN SAW TOGOLESE PRESIDENTIAL FOKKER F-28 ARRIVE AT ABIDJAN AIRPORT AROUND 11 A.M. THIS MORNING. EMPLOYEE'S WIFE SAW PASSENGER DEBARK WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS GENERAL GOWON, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE AIDE. NOBODY MET THEM ON TARMAC; GOWON AND AIDE WENT QUIETLY INTO VIP LOUNGE. SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS, PERHAPS NIGERIANS, DEBARKED FROM PLANE LATER.

2. BRITISH CHARGE TOLD ME AUGUST 9 THAT ACCORDING TO CHARGE DE MISSION AT GOT PRESIDENCY AYIVI APEDO-AMAH, GENERAL GOWON NOW SCHEDULED TO FLY TO LONDON TUESDAY AUGUST 12.

3. GOWON WAS RECENTLY IN LAMA-KARA, PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S HOME AREA IN NORTHERN TOGO, WITH EYADEMA. NO MORE LOCAL PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN HIS TOGO ACTIVITIES AND MOVEMENTS SINCE AUGUST 4 TOGO-PRESSE ACCOUNT OF GALA DINNER GIVEN FOR HIM BY OFFICERS OF
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TOGOLESE ARMED FORCES AT LOME'S CAMP MILITAIRE. DINNER WAS

ATTENDED BY EYADEMA, GOT MINISTERS AND RPT CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEMBERS. SINCE THEN PUBLICITY BLACKOUT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IN
EFFECT.
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